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THIS IS IT? THIS OVER-SIZED ROCK PILE?
'FRAID SO, LEEYA. ACCORDING TO SMITTY'S COORDINATES--
--THIS IS WHERE WE'LL BE SAFE FROM THE TRIBUNAL'S RETRIEVAL SQUADS!
SO YOU'D BETTER BRACE YOURSELVES-- I'LL HAVE TO SLOW US DOWN TO LAND!
IF YOU MUST. BUT DECELERATION WILL MAKE US AN EASIER TARGET FOR PLANETARY DEFENSES!
DEFENSES?
WHAT DEFENSES?
ZZHAK!
ZHAGK!
ZZAK!
HOLD ON!

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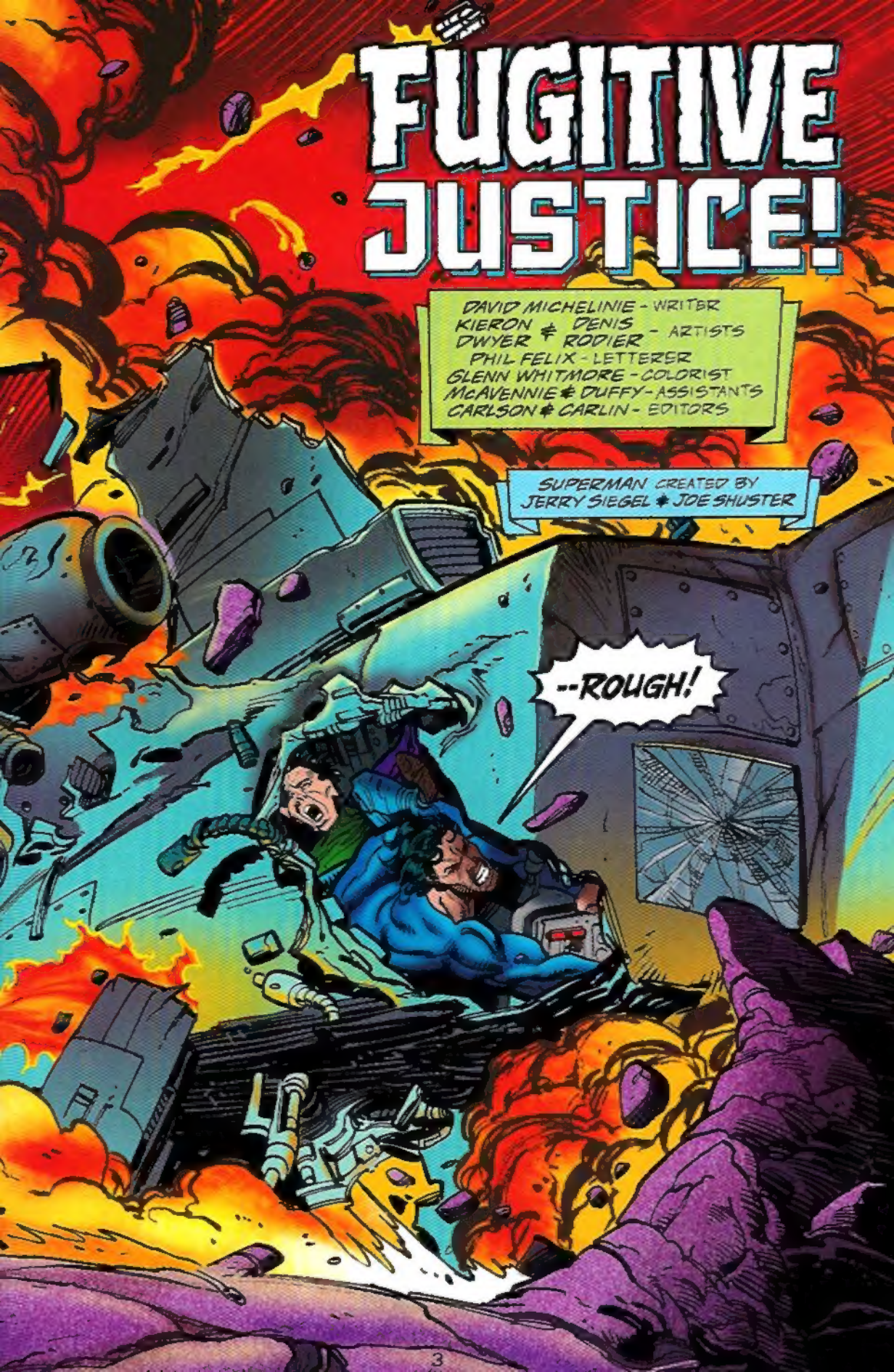
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--ROUGH!

MOPE'S OKAY! LEEYA...?
I'LL BE FINE, ONCE SMITTY TELLS US WHY HE DIDN'T MENTION THOSE AUTOMATED GUNS!
WITH MY IMPERVIOUS HIDE, I KNEW I'D SURVIVE AN ATTACK. IT NEVER OCCURRED TO ME--
--THAT LESSER SPECIES MIGHT NOT!
MAYBE WE CAN'T PRONOUNCE YOUR REAL NAME, INSECT, BUT I'VE GOT A FEW SUGGESTIONS--!
HNH?
VREET
MORE DEFENSES!
RUN!

WHY PANIC? WE MERELY NEED TO REACH THAT CAVE OVER THERE!
"WHY"--?! THE CAVE'S A HUNDRED YARDS AWAY!
TSSSSS
HEAT VISION SHOULD EVEN THE ODDS A LITTLE! TOO BAD I'M THE ONLY ONE WITH POWERS!
SLATCH
WELL... SUPER-POWERS!
WE MADE IT! WE'RE SAFE!
SEE? I TOLD YOU!
GRRRARR!
WOULD YOU LIKE A SECOND OPINION ON THAT?

ELSEWHERE, AS THE TRIBUNAL CONVENES...
NATURALLY, WE'D LIKE ALL FOUR ESCAPEES RETURNED.
BUT KAL-EL, ALSO KNOWN AS SUPERMAN, IS THE MOST DANGEROUS. YOUR JOB IS TO BRING HIM BACK, ALIVE.
IF POSSIBLE.
NO GUARANTEES ON THAT LAST CONDITION, BUT YER "TREASURE" WILL BE RECOVERED!
W-WE'RE GONNA DIE!
STOP WHINING! WHAT ARE YOU--
--CHILDREN?

:whhuf: THE SYMBIO-LINKS! H-HE'S DRAGGING US INTO THE MONSTERS!
MAYBE WE CAN USE THAT!
PULL THE LINE TAUT!
RIGHT! WE'LL KNOCK THE BEASTS DOWN A PEG!
K-K-KAL!
HELP!
WHA--?
LEAVE HIM ALONE!

YOU GOT US INTO THIS, SMITTY!
AND LIKE IT OR NOT--
--YOU'RE GOING TO HELP US GET OUT!
?!?
HRRAARGH--!
:OOOF!:
OW! THAT SOUND--!
I DON'T HEAR ANYTHING! BUT--THE CREATURES! THEY'RE BACKING OFF!

MY PETS ARE WELL-TRAINED! WHEN I SAW YOUR SHACKLES, REALIZED YOU WERE CLIENTS RATHER THAN INVADERS--
--I CALLED THEM OFF!
THOUGH IF I'D RECOGNIZED YOU, BUG, I MIGHT HAVE RECONSIDERED..!
JUST DO YOUR JOB, GATEKEEPER!
COME ALONG, THEN! STEP LIVELY! WE HAVEN'T GOT ALL DAY!
THROUGH THAT HOLE?
BUT X-RAY VISION SHOWS THERE'S NOTHING THERE!
HMPH! CHILDREN...
...AND IDIOTS!
OOOOOKAY!

WHILE IN ANOTHER PART OF SPACE.
SO, WITH THE ERADICATOR ON THE TEAM NOW--*
--WE SHOULD BE DONE AND BACK TO EARTH A LOT SOONER!
*SEE OUTSIDERS #24
WISHFUL THINKING, SUPERBOY. THE TASK BEFORE US IS AS GRAVE AS EVER!
"MASH" & "TAPPON" I COULDN'T WE JUST PLAY CRAZY EIGHTS_?
I KNOW ALPHA CENTURION, BUT I'VE GOT TICKETS FOR R.E.M IN HONOLULU FRIDAY AND--
THAT'S YOUR PRIORITY?! FINDING SUPERMAN BEFORE THE TRIBUNAL CAN FINISH HIM IS ALL THAT TRULY MATTERS!
MISSING SOME BACCHANAL ISN'T THE END OF THE WORLD!
THOUGH IT MAY SEEM THE END OF YOUR WORLD...!
WHOA. SOMEONE SAID ALMOST THE EXACT SAME THING TO ME ONCE! SOMEONE...
...WHO WASN'T WHAT HE PRETENDED TO BE!

I DON'T PRETEND TO UNDER-STAND THIS!
I AM KH'RANE, YOUR HOST! WELCOME TO--
--HAVEN!
BUT WHERE--?
FIRST THINGS FIRST!
FSS-PHSS WAS A TRIBUNAL GUARD BEFORE BRIBE-TAKING CUT SHORT HIS CAREER. HE'LL HAVE THOSE SHACKLES OFF IN A BLINK!
NOW, AS FOR WHERE WE ARE--
--THE ANSWER TO THAT IS, QUITE LITERALLY, NO-WHERE!
WHAT?!

A PHYSICAL SANCTUARY WOULD BE VULNERABLE TO ATTACK. SO WE "APPROPRIATED" THIS QUANTUM GENERATOR.
ITS ENERGY FIELD SHIFTS US ONE NANO-SECOND OUT OF REALITY!
WITHOUT THEM, ANYONE STEPPING THROUGH WOULD ENTER NON-EXISTENCE!
BUT NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE, PLEASE ENJOY ALL HAVEN HAS TO OFFER. EXPENSES WILL BE DEDUCTED..
CODED CIRCUITS THE GATEKEEPER CONTROLS KEEP THE ENTRANCE IN SYNC.
--FROM SMITTY'S ACCOUNT!
WH-WHA--?! YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS! I DON'T EVEN LIKE THESE. THESE CREATURES!
THEY ENTERED WITH YOU; YOU PAY FOR THEM.
IT'S THE LAW!
:frmph!:
KORGGUANS CONSIDER THEMSELVES THE ORIGINAL RACE, TRY TO PURIFY THE UNIVERSE BY ELIMINATING OTHERS
THEY'RE HATED EVERYWHERE, TOLERATED HERE ONLY BECAUSE THEY PAY WELL.

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN'T GOAD THE LITTLE WORM! AFTER ALL--
--WHAT'S HE GOING TO DO?"
THIS IS USELESS!
I'M IN POSITION!
EXCELLENT! MY CARAPACE BLOCKED ALL SCAN BEAMS! NO ONE SUSPECTED THE CONTRABAND HIDDEN IN MY NATURAL MUCUS POCKETS!
FOOSH!
NO, THE PRATTLING MEAT-THINGS ARE OBLIVIOUS TO MY TRUE PURPOSE!
THEY HAVEN'T AN INKLING THAT I ALLOWED MYSELF TO BE CAPTURED, TO CREATE A BELIEVABLE EXCUSE FOR SEEKING HAVEN!
BUT SOON, WE'LL NO LONGER BE DEPENDENT ON PULPY BONE-WALKERS FOR PROTECTION! FOR, AFTER TONIGHT--
--HAVEN SHALL BELONG TO US ALONE!

YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'D RATHER BE ALONE.
O-OH, NO! =Shiup= WANT TO BE WITH LEEYA AND KAL!
I WASN'T TALKING TO YOU, MODE. I MEANT THE EARTHER.
HOW DO YOU EXPECT ME TO FEEL?
I'VE DEDICATED MY LIFE TO FIGHTING CRIMINALS; NOW I'M CONSIDERED TO BE ONE!
FUNNY, WHAT SOME CALL A "CRIME"
NEWBORNS OF MY RACE CAN DIGEST NOTHING BUT FLESH OF THEIR OWN KIND.
SO MALE PARENTS OFFER THEMSELVES AS FOOD, FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO LIVE. IT GIVES THEM PRIDE, A SENSE OF WORTH.
BUT WHEN I SLEW MY MATE, AS TRADITION DEMANDS --
--I BECAME A "CRIMINAL". COMPARE THAT TO YOU..
..WHOSE FOREFATHER KILLED BILLIONS!

NO! I DIDN'T DESTROY KRYPTONIANS!
I CAN'T BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT MY ANCESTORS DID!
OH? BUT I CAN BE JUDGED FOR WHAT MINE BELIEVE...?
BUT YOU--!
IT'S NOT THE SAME AS--!
SLOWLY, UNCOMFORTABLE SILENCE GROWS
WHILE ELSEWHERE..
I'LL ADMIT SHE'S TEMPTING, BUT I HEAR SHE CHEWED HER OWN ARM OFF ESCAPING A TRAP!
IMAGINE WHAT SHE COULD DO TO..
LOOK OUT!
IT'S THE SLIMEDOG FROM KORGGU!
SKLRNK!
AND THAT WILL BE THE LAST INSULT I HAVE TO ENDURE--

PLAK!
FRMMM
--ONCE THIS FIELD DAMPER DOES ITS WORK!
THE ENTRANCE PORTAL, SHIMMERING?
PHASE SHIFT RETURNING TO NORMAL! GENERATOR MUST BE DOWN!
BUT THAT MEANS SURFACE DEFENSES ARE OUT AS WELL, LEAVING US OPEN TO--
"--INVASION!"

THE KORGGUAN FLEET WILL HAVE DECLOAKED BY NOW!
THIS SANCTUARY IS AS GOOD AS OURS!
AND IF YOU ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE DAMPENING DEVICE--
--YOUR PRECIOUS GENERATOR WILL BE BLOWN TO ATOMS!
THEY'RE PANICKING!
THEY PUT TOO MUCH FAITH IN THE REALITY SHIFT, WITH NO OTHER PLAN OF DEFENSE!
NEVER THOUGHT I'D FIND MYSELF PROTECTING GALACTIC GANGSTERS--
--BUT I CAN'T JUST LET SLAUGHTER HAPPEN!
COURAGE, MY PETS! WE MUST GUARD OUR POST TO THE DEATH!

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!
AND I CAN!
SHSSSS!
BUT WILL EVEN THAT BE ENOUGH? THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF THEM!
CAN I STOP THEM ALL?

HOW EASILY SUBSTANDARD SPECIES GIVE IN TO FEAR!
THEY'VE FORGOTTEN I EVEN EXIST!
NOT ALL OF US HAVE, BUG! COME...
GLKKK!
...I WANT YOU TO WATCH WHILE I RIP THAT DAMPER FROM THE GENERATOR!
I KNOW YOU SAID IT WAS RIGGED TO EXPLODE--
--BUT I'M BETTING A RACE AS CAUTIOUS AS YOURS WOULD INCLUDE A CANCELLATION CODE!
SHALL WE FIND OUT?
EVEN YOU CAN'T BE THAT STUPID! IF YOU'RE WRONG--
--YOU'LL DIE!
MY RACE SURVIVES THROUGH SACRIFICE! AND IF THAT'S A CRIME--
--LET ME DIE A CRIMINAL!

YOU'RE BLUFFING! YOU HAVE NO INTENTION OF--
KRRRRRIK!
--I-I WAS WRONG!
YOU ARE THAT STUPID!
THANKS.
POOK!
RETREAT!
DEFENSE CANNONS REACTIVATING?!
QUANTUM GENERATOR MUST BE BACK ON-LINE!
AND AS QUICKLY AS IT HAD BEGUN, THE INVASION ENDS.

AFTER WHICH...
UNHAND ME, YOU SQUISHY-HIDED MICRO-BRAINS!
I CAN'T LET YOU KILL HIM, KH'RANE.
WE DON'T INTEND TO.
NO, WE'VE BANNED KORGGUANS FROM HAVEN FOREVER--BUT CONDEMNED SMITTY TO STAY!
HE'LL LIVE HIS LIFE SURROUNDED BY "INFERIORS," A FATE--TO HIM--FAR WORSE THAN DEATH!
THEN I GUESS WE'RE DONE. MOPE'S DECIDED TO COME WITH ME. LEEYA?
I LEFT MY DAUGHTER IN GOOD HANDS--
--BUT I MISS HER IN MY ARMS. I'M LEAVING AS WELL.
IN GRATITUDE, WE'LL PROVIDE WHATEVER TRANSPORTATION YOU WISH. AND SHOULD YOU EVER REQUIRE HAVEN--
--YOU WILL ALWAYS BE WELCOME!

SOON...
TRANSCEIVER PATCHES WORK FINE.
YES, I CAN HEAR YOU PERFECTLY. THIS WAY WE'LL BE ABLE TO DISCUSS STRATEGY ON THE WAY.
WE NEED A PLAN. BUT AT LEAST OUR CHANCE OF RESOLVING PROBLEMS WITH THE TRIBUNAL IS A LOT GREATER, NOW THAT... WE'RE...
...FREE?
TO FIND OUT JUST HOW WRONG SUPERMAN IS, READ MAN OF STEEL #51 --ON SALE NEXT WEEK!